# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



### **FISCAL NOTE**

SB 682 - HB 875

February 27, 2019

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Establishes burden of proof which must be provided in order for a property owner to prove a lien invalid due to a malicious intent. Authorizes property owners who prove a lien invalid, in certain circumstances, to receive certain damages, instead of requiring the court to award such damages.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **NOT SIGNIFICANT**

#### Assumptions:

- Any damages awarded will occur between private parties.
- The proposed legislation is not estimated to result in a significant change in the number of liens challenged; therefore, any fiscal impact to state and local government is estimated to be not significant.

#### **IMPACT TO COMMERCE:**

#### **NOT SIGNIFICANT**

#### Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 66-21-108(b), real property owners are not able to recover damages on liens based on a loan agreement for which the encumbered property was listed as collateral.
- The proposed legislation will further limit the instances in which damages could be awarded a property owner.
- The proposed legislation will not result in any significant impact to jobs or commerce in Tennessee.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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